

#25-0515

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Public Hearing – Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of

Limitations at 738 NE 20 Avenue for the Installation of six (6) Mooring Piles

and three (3) Triple Mooring Pile Clusters (Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution granting a waiver of limitations for the installation of six (6) mooring piles and three (3) triple mooring pile clusters at 738 NE 20 Avenue.

Background

The Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-19.3 (d) limits the maximum distance of mooring piles to 25 feet, or 30% of the width of the waterway, whichever is less. ULDR Section 47-19.3 (e) authorizes the City Commission to waive this limitation based upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances.

The applicant is seeking a resolution granting a waiver of limitations (a waiver to allow mooring piles to extend beyond the maximum distance as defined by City Code) of Section 47-19.3 (d) of the ULDR for six (6) mooring piles extending a maximum of 84'6.5" into the waters of the adjacent Middle River and three (3) triple pile clusters extending a maximum of +/-129'6.5" into the waters of the adjacent Middle River as measured from the property line.

The applicant's summary description (Exhibit 1) specifies that the structures are necessary to safely moor vessels, especially during severe weather. In addition, the waterway width is +/- 582.7' and the request is consistent with other waivers that have been granted.

Other than the required \$1,500 application fee, there is no fee associated with obtaining a waiver of limitations.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the application 9-0 at the May 1, 2025, MAB meeting.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to the application fee is included in the FY2025 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

Funds available as of May 5, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY	AMENDED BUDGET	AMOUNT RECEIVED	
	(Program)	NAME	(Character)	(Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6060-000-347- 200-PKR189	Marine Facilities Administration	Service Charge – Parks and Recreation / Private Dock Fees	\$15,000	\$34,500	\$1,500
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$1,500

Strategic Connections

This is a 2025 Commission Priority, advancing Public Spaces and Community initiatives.

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

• The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Application

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 47-19.3

Exhibit 3 – May 1, 2025, Marine Advisory Board Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 5 – Denial Resolution

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